

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 28, 9:30 a.m., Hearing Room (SD-406), to conduct a business meeting to consider the following items: Everglades Restoration, Water Resources development, and GSA Authorizations—(a) Multiple FY01 Prospectuses and (b) One FY02 Design Project.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 28, 2000, for an Open Executive Session to consider the chairman's Mark of the Marriage Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2000.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 28, 2000, at 11 a.m., to hold a business meeting.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet on Wednesday, June 28, 2000, at 2:30 p.m., in room 485 of the Russell Senate Building to mark up pending committee business to be followed by a hearing on S. 2283, to amend the Transportation Equity Act (TEA-21) to make certain amendments with respect to Indian tribes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on Wednesday, June 28, 2000, at 10 a.m., in SD226.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EUROPEAN AFFAIRS

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on European Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 28, 2000, at 2 p.m., to hold a hearing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NEAR EASTERN AND SOUTH ASIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 28, 2000, at 9 a.m. to hold a hearing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON TECHNOLOGY, TERRORISM AND GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism and Government Information be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on Wednesday, June 28 at 2 p.m., in SD226.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR—H.R. 4577

Mr. DODD. I ask unanimous consent that Meredith Miller and Kathy HoganBruen, of my staff, be granted the privilege of the floor for the remainder of the debate on this bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Laura Chow, a legislative fellow in my office, be granted floor privileges during the debate on the Labor-HHS bill.

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I further ask consent that Diane Lenz be granted access to the floor during consideration of my amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. WELLSTONE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Vinu Pillai, an intern, Nina Rossomando, a fellow, and Ellen Gerrity be allowed the privilege of the floor this afternoon.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

GAMBLING ON COLLEGE ATHLETICS

Mr. BROWNBAC. Mr. President, I draw quick attention of the body to the amendment I hope to bring up sometime during the session—or on a freestanding bill—banning gambling on college athletics. There is currently only one State in the Union where you can bet on college sports. That is in Nevada. It is called the "Vegas Exception." That has led to a lot of problems of gambling on college athletics and on college campuses.

Also, one of the aspects I want to point out briefly—and why I want to bring this up yet this session of Congress because of the impact it is having on our young people—is the expansion into gambling and getting addicted.

We are finding that one of the leading gateways for young people to get into gambling is through sports gambling—betting on sporting events. That is one of the top two ways of getting young people involved. They are among the most susceptible to becoming addicted to gambling.

There is a study by the Harvard Medical School on addiction. It reported that college students are three times as likely to develop a severe gambling

problem as compared with other adults. It shows that the leading gateway for college students becoming addicted is through sports betting.

There is only one place in the country where it is legal. That is in Nevada. It is the "Vegas Exception." That provides this atmosphere where it is legal or thought to be legal in many places, and we are seeing this problem grow.

The NCAA is strongly supportive of this amendment. They want to get at this issue of gambling that is expanding exponentially across the country, and the problems they are having they want to be able to deal with so people will know there is a fair game that is going on. They want to deal with it now.

Some Members are opposed to this amendment. I simply stand here to say I am prepared to bring this amendment up at any time with limited debate—1 hour of debate equally divided between each side—and I am willing to go late into the night, as it is obvious now at this hour—to talk about this issue, get an up-or-down vote on it, and simply move forward. If the body agrees, let the body work its will. If the body disagrees, so be it. Let's move on.

This is an important issue to our young people, to our colleges, and to college athletics. These games should remain honest and not be influenced by gambling. We are even hearing of some referees now who are betting on games. It is causing people to question whether these are legitimate sporting events or fixed events on the point spread.

I simply continue to state to my colleagues that this is an important amendment on which I want to get a vote in this session of Congress. I am prepared to have limited debate at any point in time or bring the matter up as a freestanding bill so we are able to address it. I don't want to hold up other bills. I want to be able to get a vote on this particular item. We can do so in a limited time fashion. It is important that we get this addressed now.

FEASIBILITY STUDY ON THE JICARILLA APACHE RESERVATION

Mr. BROWNBAC. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 625, H.R. 3051.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3051) to direct the Secretary of the Interior, the Bureau of Reclamation, to conduct a feasibility study on the Jicarilla Apache Reservation in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. BROWNBAC. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.